

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4040, Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act.

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4137, College Opportunity and Affordability Act.

Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 398, Adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7805–S7982

Measures Introduced: Forty eight bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3370–3417, and S. Res. 636–642. **Pages S7903–05**

Measures Reported:

S. 1193, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 2 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico. (S. Rept. No. 110–434)

H.J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 110–435)

S. Res. 620, designating the week of September 14–20, 2008, as National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week, to raise public awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease, and to foster understanding of the impact polycystic kidney disease has on patients and future generations of their families.

S. Res. 622, designating the week beginning September 7, 2008, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”.

S. Res. 624, designating August 2008 as “National Truancy Prevention Month”. **Page S7903**

Measures Passed:

Pending Claims Against Libya: Senate passed S. 3370, to resolve pending claims against Libya by United States nationals. **Pages S7979–81**

Adjournment Resolution: By 48 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 196), Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 398, providing for a conditional adjournment of the

House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate. **Page S7880**

Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 642, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S7981**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. **Pages S7811–45, S7878–80**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 195), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S7879–80**

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S7880**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, August 1, 2008, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. **Page S7981**

Conference Reports:

CPSC Reform Act: By 89 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 193), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7867–78**

College Opportunity and Affordability Act: By 83 yeas to 8 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 194), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4137, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S7845–67, S7878**

Appointments:

Commission on Wartime Contracting: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 110–181, appointed the following individual to the Commission on Wartime Contracting: Robert J. Henke of Virginia. **Page S7981**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Deborah Hersman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2013.

Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Six Party Talks.

Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

John J. Tharp, Jr., of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

J. Richard Barry, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Thomas Marcelle, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Gineen Bresso Beach, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2009.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–196) **Pages S7778–80**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7981.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTH KOREAN SIX-PARTY TALKS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the North Korean Six-Party Talks and implementation activities, after receiving testimony from Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and Joseph R. DeTrani, Mission Manager for North Korea, and Vann H. Van Diepen, National Intelligence Officer for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Proliferation, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of General Norton A. Schwartz, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and, to be Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, and General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF for reappointment to the grade of general and, to be Commander, United States Transportation Command, and 519 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NATION'S TRANSMISSION GRID

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the nation's transmission grid, focusing on the implementation of the transmission provisions of the Energy Policy Act (Public Law 109–58), including reliability, siting, and infrastructure investment, after receiving testimony from Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Kevin